



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YASUI

Group Art Unit: 3747

Serial No. 10/656,255

Examiner: Johnny H. Hoang

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Atty. Docket No.: 59278.00007

For: CONTROL APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD AND ENGINE CONTROL UNIT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 12, 2004

Sir:

The Office Action dated June 24, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The period for response having been duly extended from July 24, 2004, until August 24, 2004, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action of June 24, 2004 was a restriction requirement, requiring election between one of the following two inventions:

Invention I, recited in claims 1-2, 5-6, and 9-10, drawn to a deviation of an output of a controlled object from a predetermined target value;
and

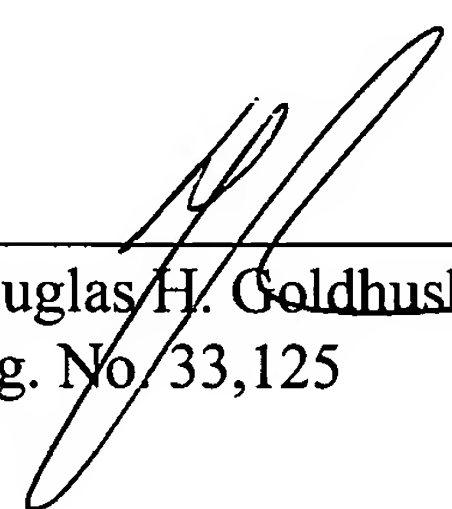
Invention II, recited in claims 3-4, 7-8 and 11-12, drawn to a detection signal indicative of an air/fuel ratio of exhaust gases which flow through an exhaust passage on an engine.

Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the subject matter of Invention I, recited in claims 1-2, 5-6 and 9-10, drawn to a deviation of an output of a controlled object from a predetermined target value. Applicant therefore respectfully requests timely consideration on the merits.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure: Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)